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Mayor Kirk Caldwell
City & County of Honolulu
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mayor Caldwell:

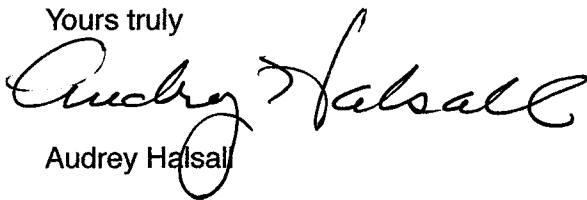
With reference to the new ohana housing bill, our neighborhood has been severely impacted by the construction of a multiple unit house at 1901 Halekoa Dr. There's a second house on the property, connected to the original house, and the downstairs bedroom has been converted to an apartment. The construction has been on going for seven years. We've endured numerous vacation rentals (by the time the inspector can get here, the renters are gone), church services, a wedding reception, dogs barking, unsavory short-term renters, a complaint about drugs. A storeroom was converted to a rental that was eventually found in violation by the inspector. Two 2-car garages were built; one garage is only accessible to one car because of the incline of the driveway, making on-street parking a necessity. The driveway incline has been the cause of two car accidents. We're still experiencing rodent infestation due to the construction debris, a lot of which was dumped in the back yard under the trees.

At present there's a long term rental in the original house that's quiet. The owner is living in the second house, and the downstairs apartment was built outside the scope of the permit and is being investigated, so is empty.

With the new ohana bill, I fear the owner will put another building in the backyard, altho the lot is already built over 50%. Do you have any advice on how to handle another building in the back yard, if that happens? Surely it's not legal to cover all the ground with buildings.

We bought in this area, knowing it's zoned single-family, anticipating living our retirement years in relative peace and harmony. Now it's turned into almost constant noise, many strangers in and out of the area. I expect your signing of this bill will cause this disruption to many neighborhoods on the island.

Yours truly



Audrey Halsall

cc: City Council